



# HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

### LEPC Meeting, July 21, 2004

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held July 21, 2004 at the Wally's Restaurant, in East Ridge, Tennessee.

#### Those in attendance were:

Jamie Farrow, BWSC, **Chairperson**  
Bruce Garner, Chatt. FD, **First V/Chairman**  
Randall Ricketts, Health Dept., **V/Chairman**  
Richard Twitchell, Self, **V/Chairman**  
Bill Tittle, Chief, Emer. Mgmt., **V/Chairman**  
Dane Creel, Kraft Foods, **V/Chairman**  
Wayne Stuntz, **Secretary/Treasurer**  
Mike Beavers, TVA Sequoyah **V/Chairman**  
David Darnell, BASF  
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self  
Jack Gray, SYNAIR  
Michael Poe, SOFIX Corp.  
Jennifer Regan, TVA Sequoyah  
George Sivils, Invista/Dupont  
Karen Dale, Invista/Dupont  
Jobie Jones, Velsicol Chemical  
Mike James, Marion Environmental  
Steve Lamb, Marion Environmental  
Indu Thaker, Ham. Co. Engineering  
Dwayne Collins, TN, OHS (**Visitor**)  
John Sterling, TN, OHS (**Visitor**)  
Tim Winston, Dooley Chemicals

Tim McDonald, Chattanooga Stormwater  
Caroline Williams, LWV  
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace  
Dawn Ford, Health Dept.  
Kevan Parker, HEPACO, Inc.  
C.R. Goodner, RACES  
Charles Chauncey, RACES  
Bill Douglas, American Red Cross  
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods  
Charles Crawley, TN Sec. Invest. Service  
Charlie Lamar, BRENNTAG  
John Bennett, JIT Terminal  
Cecilia McElroy, Tri State Gov. Service  
Chuck Nichols, CFD  
Chris Young, Chattanooga Gas  
Larry Martin, McKee Foods  
Robert Hadden, TN Hwy Patrol  
Girish Patel, ALCO Chemical

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

#### Old Business:

- Motion to accept May 12, 2004 meeting minutes, as written, was made, seconded and approved by Committee at large.

- LEPC Financial report was given by the Secretary and was approved as written.

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### **New Business:**

- Call for new membership: Mr. Tim Winston, representing Dooley Chemicals, asked that his company be recognized as a new member of the LEPC. Motion to accept Dooley Chemicals as a new member of the LEPC was made by Bruce Garner, seconded by Richard Twitchell and unanimously approved by Committee at large. This LEPC welcomes Dooley Chemicals and congratulates them for their commitment to the community.
- Chairman Farrow reminded all that the September is the election month for all elected positions and announced that Mr. Dusty Rominger of W.R. Grace would Chair the Nomination Committee.
- Chairman Farrow announced that Mr. Mike Brooks of the East Ridge Fire Department has resigned his V/Chair position. Mr. Mike Beavers of TVA will finish out his V/Chair term and then resign.
- Ms Farrow reminded the committee about the LEPC participation in the County Fair this year.
- **Update of Sub-Committees:**
  - Ms. Farrow asked subcommittee chairpersons to speak briefly regarding their subcommittee.

**Training subcommittee:** Chief, Bill Tittle, subcommittee Chairman—Bill, for the benefit of our two guests from the TN Department of Homeland Security (Mr. Sterling and Mr. Collins) and the Committee, said that Hamilton County is hosting a District 3, Homeland Security Council meeting today to talk about district wide training in the 10 county southeast Tennessee area for response. He said that Homeland Security funding now comes through the 10-county district council and that the Council is forming teams that will respond anywhere in the 10 county areas. Bill also said that the council will talk about a training process that will involve each of the counties in a district wide exercise.

**Plans subcommittee:** Randal Ricketts, subcommittee Chairman—said there have been no new developments except potential of using LEPC funds to transform the current plan into a digital or data format to start working from. Randall called for suggestions on avenues to pursue regarding updating our current plan.

**Exercise subcommittee:** Dane Creel, subcommittee Chairman. Dane said that after Mr. Bruce Garner attended a meeting with the Chattanooga Petroleum and Chemical Association in May 2004, two companies, Magellan Midstream Partners and Colonial Pipeline, agreed to host the LEPC's fall exercise. Both companies are located on properties adjacent to each other on Jersey Pike. Dane said that a follow-up meeting was scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the two companies to further discuss details for the exercise. Mr. Garner added that the exercise would most likely occur in late October or early November.

**Membership subcommittee:** Mr. Dick Twitchell, subcommittee Chairman had no report.

**Public Outreach subcommittee:**

- Ms. Farrow reminded everyone that the County Fair was back on, after a brief period of uncertainty, and that the LEPC would again have a booth. At the booth, the Shelter-in-place Video would be shown, LEPC magnets (displaying Shelter-in-place procedures) would be handed out, and a couple of Disaster Supplies Kits would be given away each day.
- Ms Farrow further stated that we still need volunteers to operate the booth for both days and to entice parents to stop by the booth, we will offer temporary tattoo's for children.
- Ms Farrow reminded the committee that at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ms Maureen Handler was to check into the cost of updating the VHS video to a CD and/or DVD. Ms Handler, absent from the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, told Ms. Farrow that the initial cost to upgrade the VHS tape to a CD and/or DVD would be \$50.00 and that Kinko's would charge \$9.00 to copy the first CD or DVD and \$2.00 for each copy after that.
- Mr. Darnell suggested that once the Shelter-In-Place video was transferred to either a CD or DVD that perhaps it could be put on the County web site. Suggestion to be taken into consideration once update occurred.
- Mr. Mike Edwards volunteered his talents, as an amateur magician, to be at the LEPC booth on one day to provide balloon twisting (animals, hats, etc.) for children. He said at a cost of about \$17.00, he could get around 1000 balloons.
- Mr. Garner suggested that a motion be made to allow an expenditure of up to \$50.00 of LEPC funds for the purchase of balloons for entertainment of children at the LEPC County Fair booth. Motion was made by Randall Ricketts, seconded by Bruce Garner and approved by the committee at large.

**Speaker:** Mr. David Darnell introduced Mr. Mike Stiner of Norfolk Southern Corporation out of Atlanta, GA, who gave an excellent presentation on current activities and the ever important emphasis for security of Hazardous Materials in rail transportation.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned just prior to Noon.

**Next Meeting:**

- Unless notified otherwise, the next meeting will be **Sept 8, 2004, 10:30 a.m.** at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, Tennessee.